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Wellesley College Views

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ELLESLEY COLLEGE, Wellesley, Massachusetts, established for the purpose of furnishing young women with liberal education, was founded by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fowle Durant and was opened to students in 1875. Mr. Durant, a Boston lawyer, and at one time an associate of Rufus Choate, had a summer residence in Wellesley near Lake Waban. Charmed by the picturesque setting of his summer home, Mr. Durant acquired a large tract of land bordering the lake on which it was his plan to erect a spacious villa with surrounding park. Later, with deepening purpose, he decided to dedicate his whole estate to some philanthropic work. The plan gradually took definite form and in 1870 the charter of Wellesley Female Seminary, by later enactment changed in name to Wellesley College, was secured from the state.

The College as first opened consisted of one imposing building, designed by Hammatt Billings and situated on an eminence above Lake Waban. This building five stories high and 475 feet long, and still the chief hall for lecture rooms and administrative purposes and the largest dormitory was supplied at great expense with the best appointments which the time afforded, containing in addition to class rooms, a chapel, a gymnasium, appointments for music, and dormitory space for about 300 students. Before the death of Mr. Durant in 1881, Music Hall and three halls of residence, Stone Hall, Waban Cottage, and Simpson Cottage, had been added by the founder or through gifts which he secured for the college.

Arranged in the order of date of opening, buildings subsequently added are Norumbega Cottage, the gift of former students and other friends of the College; Eliot Cottage, the gift of Mrs. Durant and Mr. H. H. Hunnewell; Freeman Cottage, the gift of Mrs. Durant; Farnsworth Art Building, by bequest of Isaac D. Farnsworth; Wood Cottage, by bequest of Mrs. Caroline A Wood; Fiske Cottage, the gift of Mrs. Joseph N. Fiske and other friends; a Chemistry Laboratory, erected by the College; Memorial Chapel, the gift of Elizabeth G. Houghton and Clement S. Houghton; Observatory, and (later) Observatory House the gift of Mrs. Sarah C. Whitin of Whitinsville; Wilder Hall, by bequest of Mr. Charles T. Wilder; Pomeroy Hall, by bequest of Mrs. Martha S. Pomeroy; Cazenove Hall, erected by the Trustees; a house for the President, the gift of President Hazard. Billings Hall, an addition to Music Hall, through funds from the Robert Charles Billings estate; a central Power Plant, the gift of Mr. John D. Rockefeller; Beebe Hall, through an alumna, Alice G. Beebe of 1896. Shafer Hall, a dormitory provided by the Trustees, a library at a cost of $125,000, the gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie, and a gymnasium at a cost of $100,000 through funds furnished by the trustees and alumnae of the Boston Normal School of Gymnastics, are in process of erection. The total valuation of the college buildings is $1,780,700.

The course of four years leading to the B. A. degree requires certain basic subjects but provides also ample opportunities for election. Thirty scholarships, open to approved candidates for the M. A. degree, a fellowship with an income of about $1,000, and scholarships in schools of special study, are open to graduate students. The officers of government and instruction (1908-1909) number 149. The library which began with 10,000 well chosen books from the private collections of Mr. Durant was in 1886 endowed by Mr. Eben N. Horsford of Cambridge and now equals 64,313 volumes, the largest library belonging to a college for women.

A location allowing easy access to Boston and Cambridge, and at the same time affording all the charms of country life, together with pure air, tonic climate, and opportunity for every form of outdoor exercise, is another distinctive feature of Wellesley College.

The President of the College is Caroline Hazard, M.A., Litt.D., LL.D. Since President Hazard entered upon her office in 1899 the number of students has increased from 688 to 1,282, the endowment from about $400,000 to upwards of $800,000. Of the buildings above named, eleven were added during her administration. The Treasurer of the College is Mr. A. H. Hardy of Boston.

Notwithstanding the fact that income from tuition and board has formed the main resource for the defrayal of running expenses, and that the College has been thus to a peculiar degree dependent upon the number of students admitted and retained, there has been a constant rise in the academic standard. Side by side with this policy has moved another, one of the cardinal principles of the founders, that no student of ability and promise shall be deprived of the college course through lack of means.

For the adequate conduct of work already begun, and for due expansion, the College needs at once unrestricted funds for general use, the endowment of the presidency and professorships, a science building, halls of residence, an endowment for the infirmary. For the work of the students' Aid Society of Wellesley College, founded by Mr. and Mrs. Durant and still one of the cherished activities of Mrs. Durant, funds are constantly needed that promising young women may not be forced by lack of funds to abandon the course, or to sacrifice health and success in the struggle for self-support in college.

RESIDENCE OF MRS. HENRY FOWLE DURANT

President's House

College Hall From Southwest

EAST LODGE

HUNNEWELL GARDENS AT SUNSET

THE PINES

College Hall From Southeast

STONE HALL FROM LAKE WABAN

TUPELO POINT

MEMORIAL CHAPEL

NAUSICAA AND HER MAIDENS
Alpha Kappa Chi Society, 1907

FROM "AS YOU LIKE IT"
As given by the Shakespeare Society

FROM "BACCHUS AND ARIADNE"
Alpha Kappa Chi Society, 1906

FARNSWORTH ART BUILDING

TREE DAY PAGEANT

Simpson Cottage

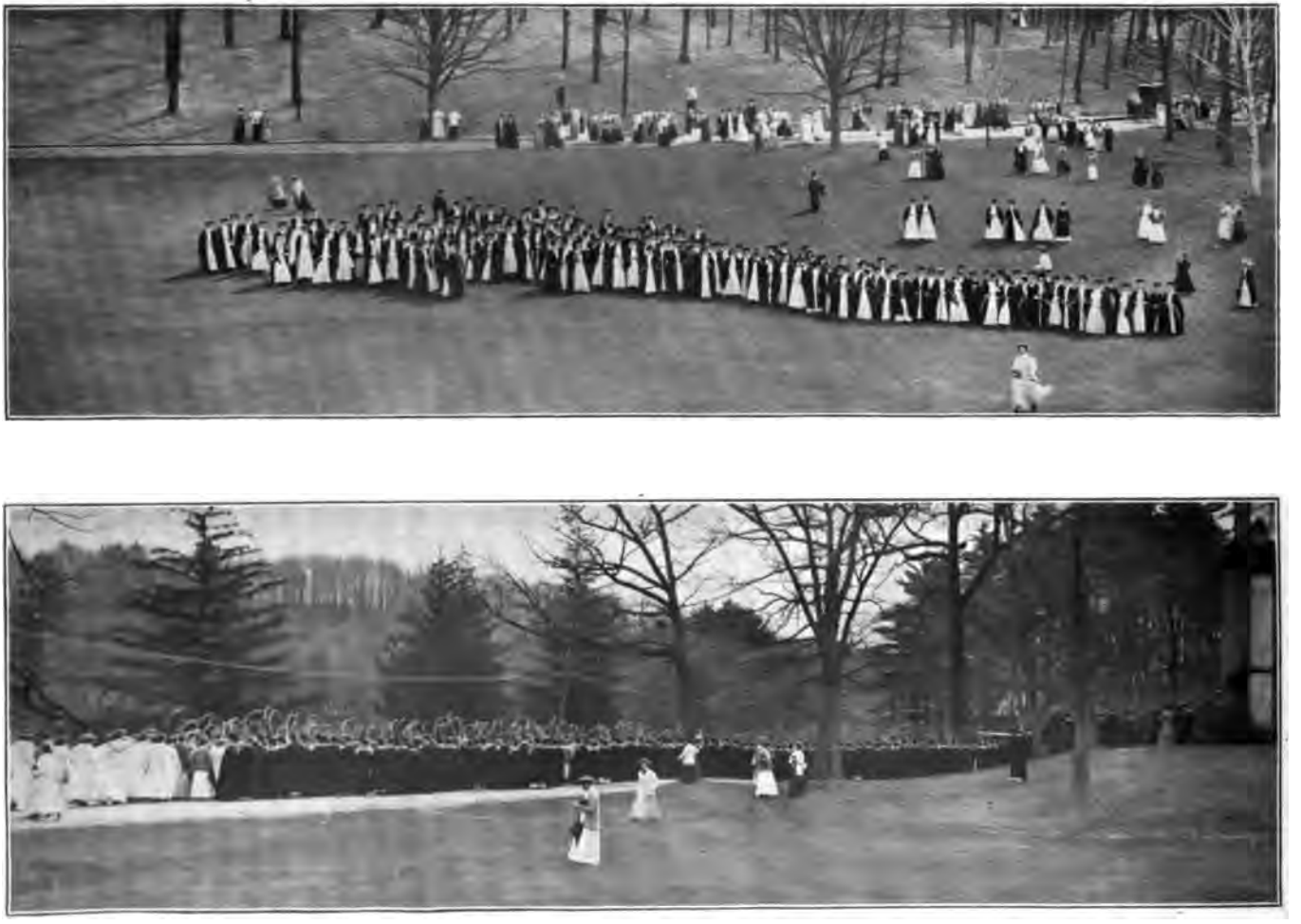
TREE DAY. LONGFELLOW POND

"STAR" FROM "FLOAT"

WHITIN OBSERVATORY AND OBSERVATORY HOUSE

FROM SOUTH PORCH OF COLLEGE HALL

Bridge at the Outlet of the Lake



May Day Morning, 1909

MUSIC HALL AND BILLINGS HALL

Boat House

TENNIS

GOLF

Basket Ball

ARCHERY

WILDER HALL

READY TO ROW (1902)

CLASS CREW OF 1903

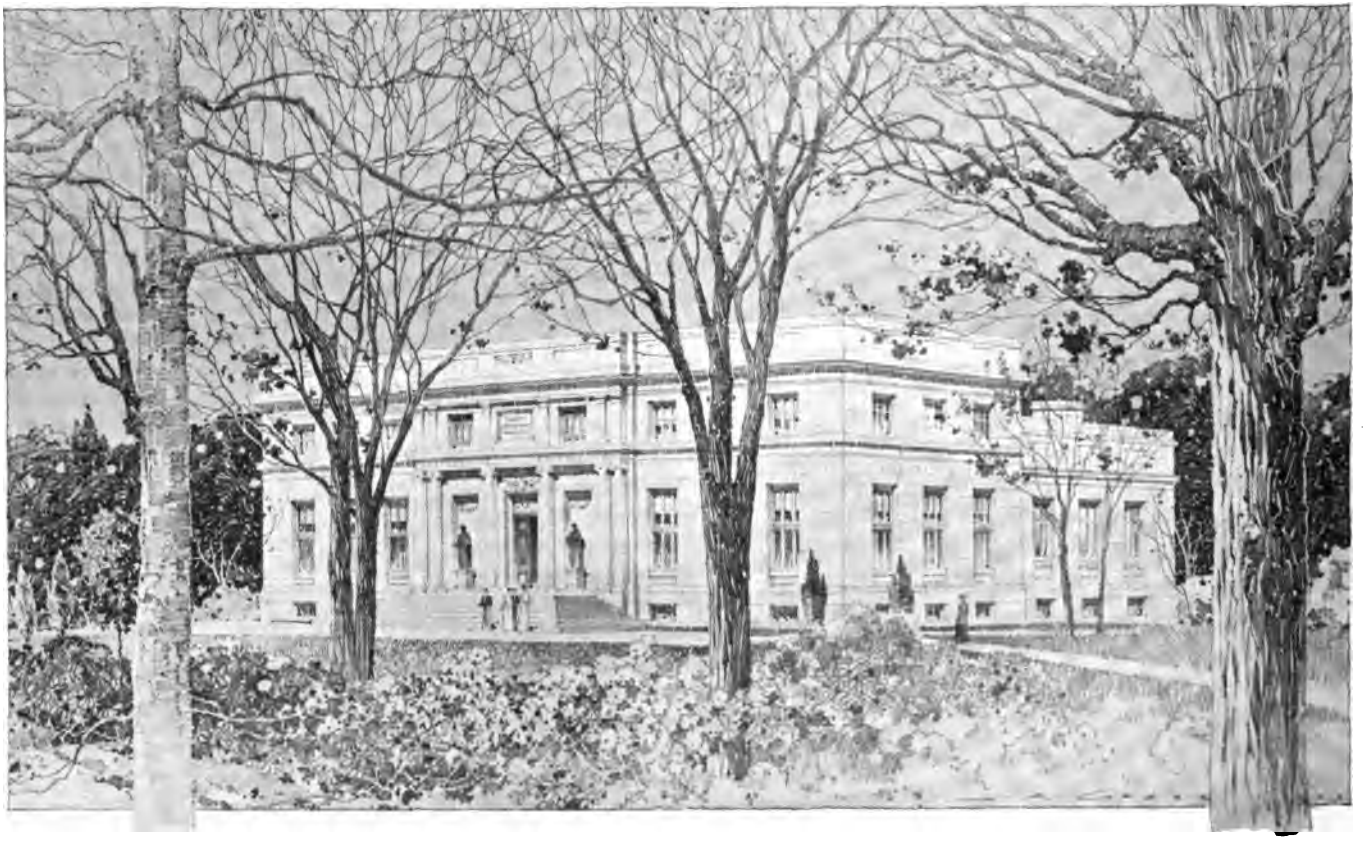
THE RHODODENDRONS

CAZENOVE AND BEEBE HALLS WITH ALEXANDRA GARDEN

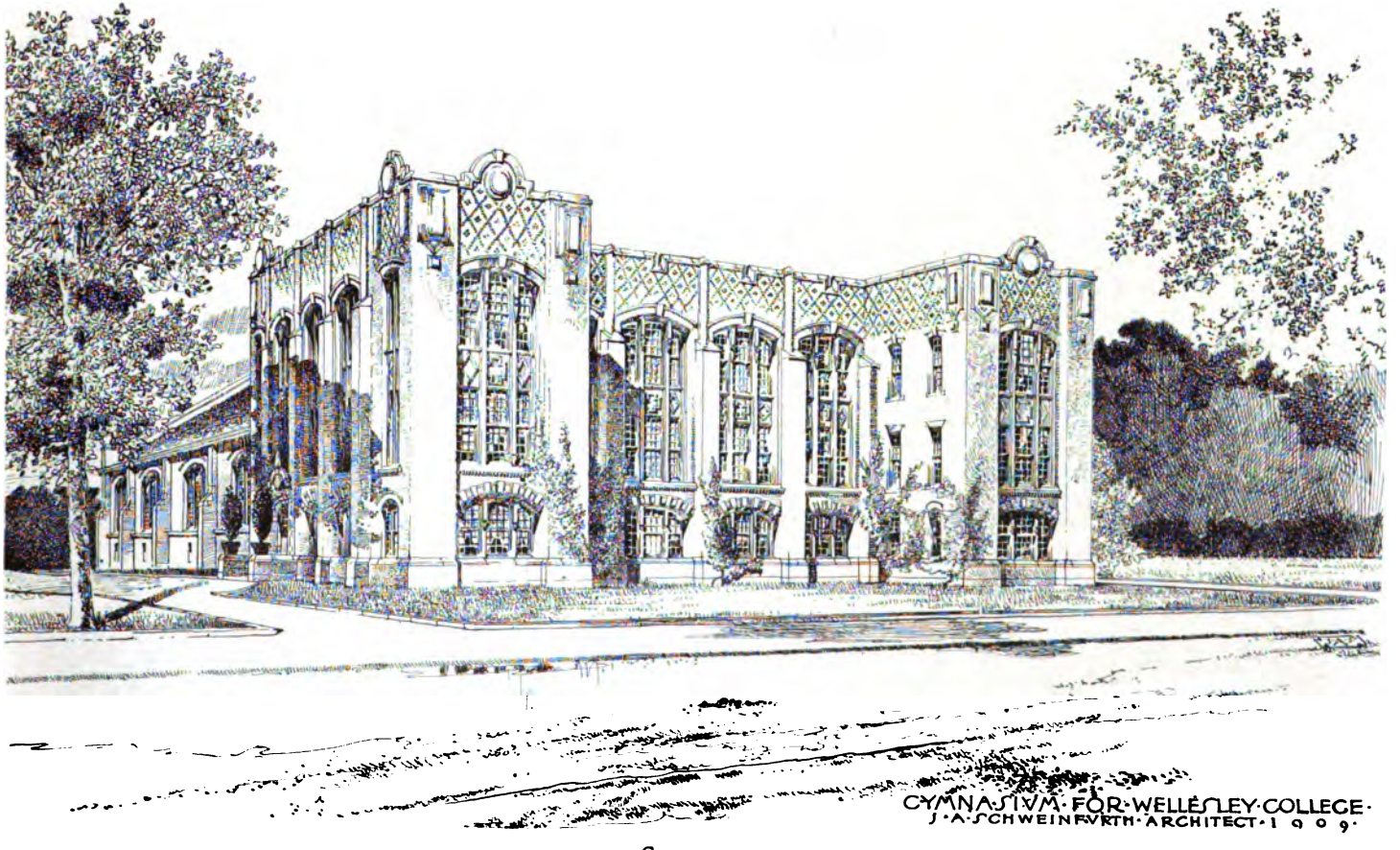
FROM POND ROAD

College Hall Cove

THE BIRCHES



College Library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College Hall From Farnsworth Art Building